

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1-11. (Cancelled)**

**12. (Currently amended)** ~~The A composition according to claim 14, for coating medicines,~~  
animal drugs, agricultural chemicals, fertilizers or foods consisting of:

\_\_\_\_\_ a copolymer of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average  
polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4  
to 9:1,

\_\_\_\_\_ wherein:

\_\_\_\_\_ the polymerizable vinyl monomer comprises acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate  
combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and

\_\_\_\_\_ the weight ratio of the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average  
polymerization degree of 300 to 500, the methyl methacrylate and the acrylic acid ~~the~~  
~~polymerizable vinyl monomer in the copolymer is 60 to 90: 7 to 38: 0.5 to 12, and the~~  
~~polymerizable vinyl monomer comprises acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate.~~

**13. (Cancelled)**

**14. (Currently amended)** A composition for coating medicines, animal drugs, agricultural  
chemicals, fertilizers or foods, ~~comprising~~ consisting of:

a copolymer of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average  
polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4  
to 9:1,

wherein the polymerizable vinyl monomer comprises acrylic acid and methyl  
methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, ~~and~~

\_\_\_\_\_ a suitable carrier.

**15. (Previously presented)** A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or  
a food, which is coated with the coating composition according to claim 14.

**16. (Currently amended)** A binder for a medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, ~~comprising~~ consisting of:

a copolymer of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein the polymerizable vinyl monomer comprises acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer; ~~and~~  
~~— a suitable carrier.~~

**17-20. (Cancelled)**

**21. (Previously presented)** The composition according to claim 14, wherein it is for coating medicines.

**22. (Previously presented)** The composition according to claim 14, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolyzation degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

**23-27. (Cancelled)**